

MAY OPEN FLOODGATES TO FORGOTTEN BILLS

Some Members of General Assembly
Said to Favor Miscellaneous
Legislation.

CALLED TO ACT ON TAXATION

But Body Makes Its Own Rules and
May Do as It Sees Fit as to Re-
opening Calendar—Must Re-Elect
Certain Judges.

If the General Assembly lives up to an agreement signed by a majority of the members of the Senate just before the adjournment last winter, the special session, which convenes January 13, will be devoted exclusively to tax legislation.

If the majority, however, desires to yield to the wishes of a few members, who are interested in local bills which they failed to get through at the last regular session, that agreement must be ignored. To this time none of the members said to be desirous of injecting other matters into the session provided exclusively for consideration of the tax measures has openly acknowledged his purpose. It is generally accepted that these members have their ears to the ground, and need only the encouragement of favorable sounds to declare themselves for a revival of their measures, many of which were "talked to death" in the last days of the regular session.

WOULD OPEN FLOODGATES TO LONG-FORGOTTEN BILLS

It is natural and logical to expect that if the General Assembly, in special session, votes to take up any of these bills a torrent of dead, but not forgotten, bills will begin to flow. The result will be an indefinite session. Attorney-General John Garland Pollard, at the request of Governor Stuart, some weeks ago submitted an opinion in which he holds that the law permits the Legislature, in special session, to proceed with legislation of any character just as if the body were assembled in regular session. The Attorney-General holds that the General Assembly, regardless of the fact that it is assembled for consideration of one specific form of legislation, may take up any and all business that may be presented.

The question arose when Governor Stuart was issuing commissions to several appointees to judgeships last summer. The Governor wanted to know whether the new judges appointed to fill unexpired terms should be appointed for the full length of the unexpired term. The Attorney-General, in his opinion, advised the executive that the judges could be appointed only for a period ending thirty days from the date of the opening of the special session; that, therefore, it is desirable that each of the new judges be elected by the General Assembly. He explained further that in the event the General Assembly did not enter into the election of the judges, it would be necessary for the Governor to reappoint them at the end of thirty days following the opening of the special session. It is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the judges will be elected by the Legislature.

GOVERNOR UNDERSTOOD TO OPPOSE GENERAL LEGISLATION

While rumors of the desire of some of the lawmakers to inject other mat-

ters into the special session have reached the Governor, he has made no expression on the subject, but it is known that he has not encouraged the proposition, and that he has no intention of taking the initiative. It is generally accepted that he will discourage any such movement.

Members of the General Assembly, who have casually discussed the prospect, are opposed to going beyond tax legislation and the election of judges, the latter being merely a form. They dread the introduction of any other measure, because it must inevitably open the way to innumerable other matters which will be forced upon the lawmaking body.

That the General Assembly was impressed by the belief that tax legislation required consideration that would not be interrupted and hampered by other matters is made apparent in the preamble of the act providing for the special session, in which it is set forth that "it is practically impossible to consider the tax measures of the General Assembly (having due regard to the other subjects of pressing importance demanding its present attention, which must be considered by it) to give to the subject of taxation the thorough consideration which its importance demands." That is the reason given for the special session, and it is the only reason given.

SOUTHERN HOTEL MEN MEET HERE THIS WEEK

Scores of hotel men from various sections of the country will arrive in Richmond to-day to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Hotel Men's Association, which will be called to order at Hotel Richmond to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Hotel men of Richmond will entertain the visitors, and the sessions of the annual gathering will last for three days.

Officers of the association are: president, A. T. Moore, Hotel Virginia, Staunton; vice-president, E. B. Moore, Hotel Selwyn, Charlotte, N. C.; vice-president, S. T. Atkinson, Hotel Richmond, Richmond; vice-president, H. J. Latta, Hotel Stump, Richmond; vice-president, F. W. Calvert, Hotel Fairfax, Norfolk; secretary and treasurer, W. R. Lucas, Hotel Evans, Winchester.

The program of the sessions follows: Monday, 10 A. M.—Register at official headquarters, Hotel Richmond. 3 P. M.—Introduction of new members. 8 P. M.—Theatre party. Tuesday, 10 A. M.—After theatre party. Tuesday, 10 A. M.—Convention assemblies in auditorium Hotel Richmond. Address of welcome, S. T. Atkinson.

manager Hotel Richmond, Response. B. H. Griffin, proprietor Hotel Kenyon, Goldsboro, N. C. President's address. Report of secretary-treasurer. Informal "shop talk."

1 P. M.—Luncheon, Hotel Jefferson. 3 P. M.—"Shop talk," Hotel Jefferson. 6:30 P. M.—Dinner, Murphy's Hotel. 8 P. M.—"Shop talk," Murphy's Hotel.

Wednesday, 10 A. M.—Convention meets auditorium Hotel Richmond. 12 M.—Luncheon, Hotel Richmond, followed by automobile drive, with stop at Hotel Richmond for "gasoline." 6:30 P. M.—Dinner, Hotel Stump.

Convicted Coal Thief. Justice Crutchfield yesterday sentenced John Young, colored, to a ninety days' jail term when convicted of the theft of 1,700 pounds of soft coal from E. P. Murphy & Sons.

Jail Term for Clothes Thief. Leroy Brown, colored, was yesterday sentenced to jail for a ninety-day term when convicted in the Police Court of the theft of a \$25 suit of clothes from Henry Jackson. Detectives Willy and Kellam arrested the man.

MUCH PLEASSED WITH BAZAAR Acce Temple Plans Trip to West Coast for Next Summer.

Last night was the closing night of the bazaar given by Acce Temple at the Masonic Temple. The crowd was the largest of the week, and festivities continued until the stroke of 12 o'clock, when it was announced that the awards of prize money, the carload of coal and other prizes, would be announced later by the committee requiring time to make up the report.

The Shriners were pleased with the result of the week's bazaar. Despite the inclement weather so far this season, there were good crowds present each night, and sales were made readily. The amusement features were carried off with promptness, and the members of the Patrol and of Acce Temple made many new friends, all of whom will watch the progress of the Shriners' tour of the West with deep interest.

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